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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
EPHRAIM KATZIR

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT  
EPHRAIM KATZIR FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S  
INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-  
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,  
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-  
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR  
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

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SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT KATZIR'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND FOR MYSELF I AM HAPPY

TO SEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TWO HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF THE WORLDS' GREATEST AND FREEST NATION PREEMINENT IN INTELLECT, SCIENCE, AND HEALING PATHFINDER EXAMPLE AND SOURCE OF HELP TO ALL MEN AND COUNTRIES DEDICATED TO HUMAN PRINCIPLES, LIBERTY AND TOLERANCE. JULY 4 IS A RED LETTER DAY ON MANKINDS CALENDAR AND THIS AUSPICIOUS ANNIVERSARY GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES DEEPEST APPRECIATION AND SINCEREST HOPE FOR ITS HAPPY FUTURE AND ITS EVER GROWING CONTRIBUTION TO THE BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL WORLD OF OUR JOINT PRAYERS. EPHRAIM KATZIR. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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